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A break from AGIA....Mat Maid, the visit, the truth

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Much has been written about Governor Palin's visit to the Matanuska Maid Dairy and how she was spurned from taking a tour.

What you didn't hear about was the actual behind the scenes events which took place.

June 13,2007

10:00am - The Governor's Office calls Mat-Maid and requests a tour of the plant. They are told by employees that the plant manager is gone and the only person authorized to give tours, the CEO, is at a well publicized board meeting. It is suggested they reschedule for later.

11:00am - Kris Perry from the Governor's Office calls and announces that Governor Palin will be there at noon. Perry is told once again that there will be noone there authorized to give a tour. Mat-Maid is told it is will just be a few people.

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Much more on this story to come.

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> --- gov.sarah@yahoo.com wrote:

>

> > Chuck- Tibbles is going to call you after this

> mtg-

> > what's a good number? Are u back in anch?

> >

> > We also want to work with UAA prof Oliver

> Hedgepath

> > on this - Kris would u forward to Oliver?

> > -----Original Message-----

> > From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

> >

> > Date: Fri, 15 Jun 2007 21:24:10
> > To:"Todd Palin" <fek9wnr@yahoo.com>,"Kristina Y
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> > W Bitney" <john_bitney@gov.state.ak.us>,"Michael A
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> > Sampson" <roger_sampson@eed.state.ak.us>,"John W

> > Bitney" <john_bitney@gov.state.ak.us>

> > Subject: Re: mat maid

> >

> >

> > Chuck: Yes - we need this task force. We're in a

> > cabinet mtg right now discussing the topic. Have

> Joe

> > Austerman get thinking on this - I just cleared

> his

> > participation with Commissioner Notti.

> >

> > Mike Tibbles will be in charge. Let him talk to

> you

> > about it and some of the other plans we have for

> > revitalization/changes within Ag. (And MatMaid.).

> > This will be awesome!

> > Stand by for Tibbles and Kris Perry to contact you

> > with directives.

> >

> > You have my blessing and THANKS for being

> concerned

> > and energized and excited about finding solutions.

>

> >

> > I'm ccing Cabinet members bc their areas are also

> > affected by the MatMaid issue and just wanted to

> let

> > them know we're off and running with the task

> force

> > idea. Ccing Franci, too, so she'll be a part of

> it.

> > You don't have to respond to this entire list.

> >

> > Also, intriguing idea(s) from Kaladi Bros guys re:

> > local product they tried to get MatMaid to hear

> them

> > on months ago.

> > -----Original Message-----

> > From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

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> > Date: Fri, 15 Jun 2007 21:04:39

> > To:"Todd Palin" <fek9wnr@yahoo.com>,"Kristina Y

> > Perry" <kris_perry@gov.state.ak.us>,"Meghan N

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> > W Bitney" <john_bitney@gov.state.ak.us>,"Michael A

> > Tibbles" <mike_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us>

> > Subject: Fw: mat maid

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> > -----Original Message-----

> > From: chuck heath <chckheath@yahoo.com>

> >

> > Date: Fri, 15 Jun 2007 14:01:24

> > To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

> > Subject: Re: mat maid

> >

> >

> > Sarah,

> >

> > Joey and I stayed and talked with Bob Havemeister

> > after the rally about potential solutions. We'd

> > like

> > to form a steering committee which would include
> > dairy
> > farmers, businessmen, and key state people, to
> come
> > up
> > with a viable strategy. Bob is all for downsizing
> > and
> > getting back to basics. Do we have your blessing
> to
> > proceed or do you have something else in mind?
> >
> > Chuck
> >
> > ps. Lots of happy people because you showed up.
> > --- gov.sarah@yahoo.com wrote:
> >
> > > Amen!!! Tell joey, too, to HELP on this issue.
> > I've
> > > not been so riled up in a long time over an
> issue
> > -
> > > we HAVE to find solutions here.
> > >
> > > Tom: pls forward to Dick.
> > > -----Original Message-----
> > > From: chuck heath <chckheath@yahoo.com>
> > >
> > > Date: Thu, 14 Jun 2007 11:48:45
> > > To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com
> > > Subject: mat maid
> > >
> > >
> > > Sarah,

I know you're probably hearing
> all

> > > kinds of things about Mat Maid and yesterday's
> > > fiasco but here's my two cents.

Mat Maid
> > > started out as a creamery in 1936 making only
> > butter
> > > and selling eggs. They eventually started
> > > selling excess milk from the creamery.
> This
> > > was a profitable business for years. As
> > > recently as 1980, Mat Maid's milk was 100%
> Alaskan
> > > dairy produced. Now they say their milk is
> > 35%
> > > Alaskan mixed with imported milk from
> > outside.
> > > I've been told it's more like 10%
> > Alaskan.

A
> > > 1998 legislative audit (audit digest
> #10-4545-98)
> > > showed that the company was in dire straits
> > > then. The public is under the impression
> > that
> > > Mat Maid's woes are recent. Of course
> > > production/supply costs have skyrocketed but I
> > think
> > > the companies major problem stems from WAY too
> > much
> > > diversification. They are producing too
> many
> > > different products (which are more expensive
> than
> > > the competition). Alaskans' loyalty
>
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From: Meghan Stapleton [meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Saturday, June 16, 2007 3:20 PM
To: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); gov.sarah@yahoo.com; Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Meghan N Stapleton
Cc: fek9wnr@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: BAC

Great information.thank you!

-----Original Message-----

From: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

To: "gov.sarah@yahoo.com" <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>; "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>; "meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us" <meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us>

Cc: "fek9wnr@yahoo.com" <fek9wnr@yahoo.com>

Sent: 6/16/07 2:25 PM

Subject: BAC

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